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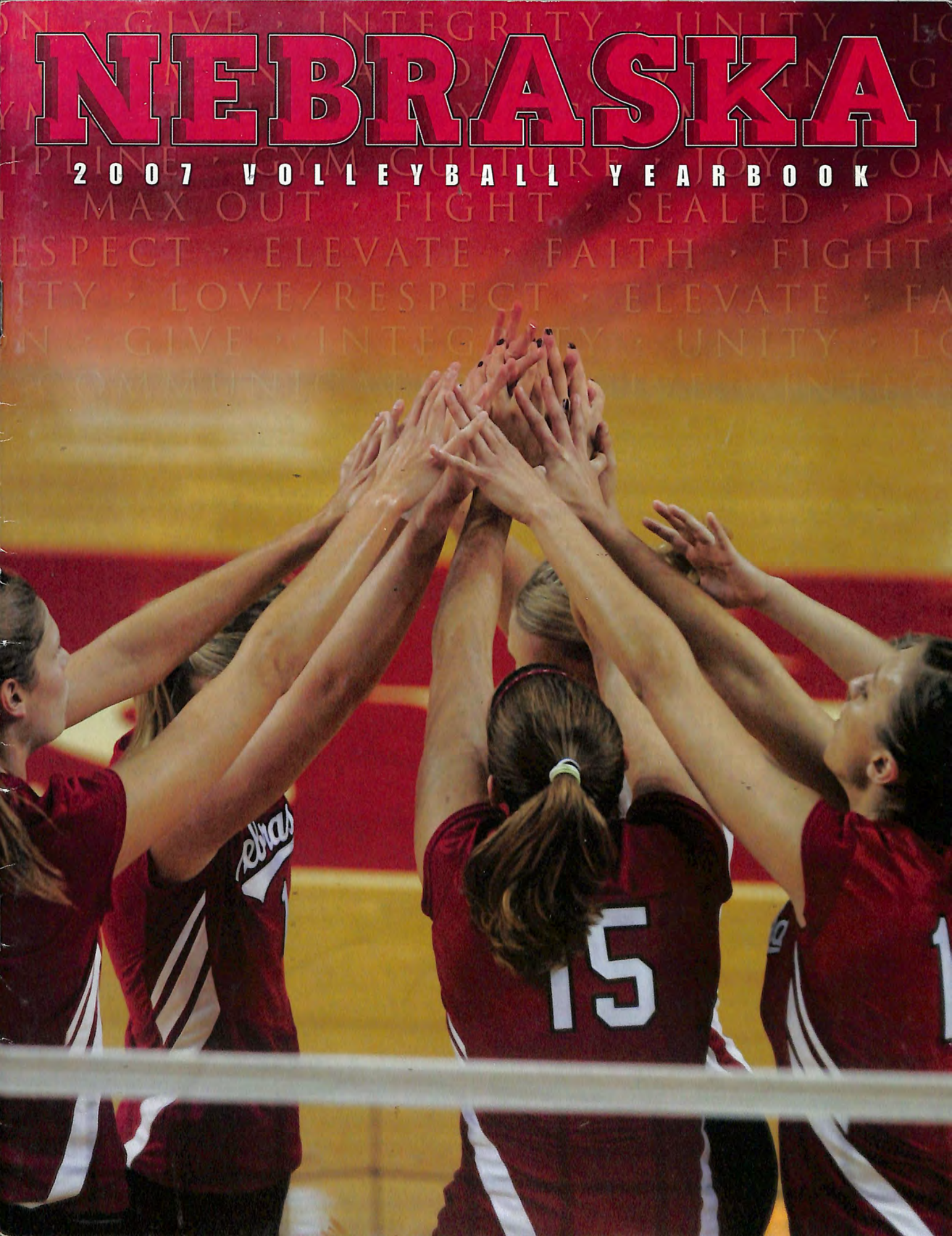
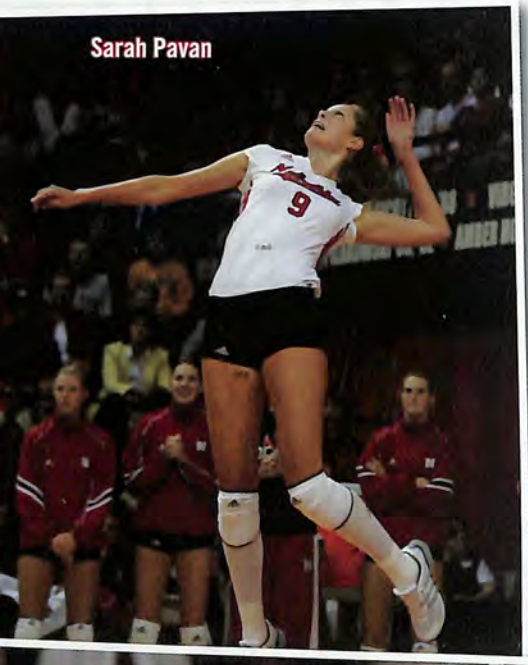
2007 VOLLEYBALL YEARBOOK




Sarah Pavan

Christina Houghtelling

2007 SCHEDULE

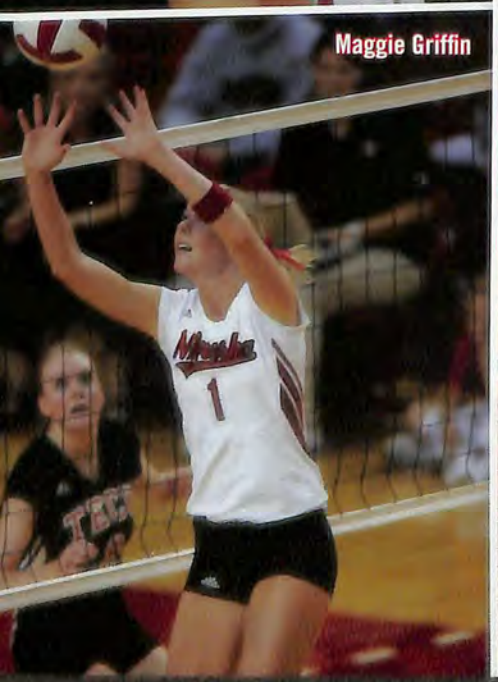
Regular Season

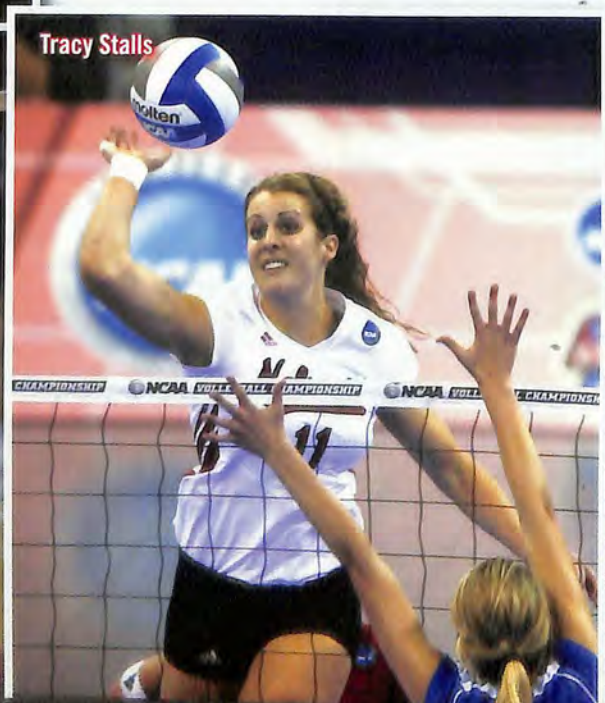
Date	Days	Opponent/Tournament	Location	Time
Aug. 24-25	Fri.-Sat.	at AVCA Showcase		
Aug. 24	Friday	vs. Tennessee	Qwest Center Omaha	8:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	Saturday	Consolation Match	Qwest Center Omaha	6 p.m.
Aug. 25	Saturday	Championship Match	Qwest Center Omaha	8:30 p.m.
Aug. 31-Sept. 3	**Fri.-Mon.**	**Holiday Inn Downtown Classic**		
Aug. 31	**Friday**	**Creighton**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Sept. 2	**Sunday**	**Penn State**	**Qwest Center Omaha**	**3 p.m.**
Sept. 3	**Monday**	**Cal Poly**	**NU Coliseum**	**5 p.m.**
Sept. 7-8	**Fri.-Sat.**	**Ameritas Players Challenge**		
Sept. 7	**Friday**	**vs. Duke**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Sept. 8	**Saturday**	**Consolation Match**	**NU Coliseum**	**4:30 p.m.**
Sept. 8	**Saturday**	**Championship Match**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Sept. 12	**Wednesday**	**Texas ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Sept. 15	Saturday	at Texas Tech ^	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
Sept. 22	**Saturday**	**Texas A&M ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**TBA**
Sept. 26	Wednesday	at Kansas ^	Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	**Saturday**	**Baylor ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**TBA**
Oct. 3	**Wednesday**	**Kansas State ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 6	Saturday	at Colorado ^	Boulder, Colo.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	**Wednesday**	**Iowa State ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Oct. 13	Saturday	at Oklahoma ^	Norman, Okla.	TBA
Oct. 17	Wednesday	at Missouri ^	Columbia, Mo.	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	**Saturday**	**Kansas ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**TBA**
Oct. 21	**Sunday**	**Hawaii**	**Devaney Center**	**5 p.m.**
Oct. 24	Wednesday	at Texas ^	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	**Wednesday**	**Missouri ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Nov. 3	Saturday	at Kansas State ^	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	**Wednesday**	**Colorado ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Nov. 11	Sunday	at Iowa State^	Ames, Iowa	3 p.m.
Nov. 14	Wednesday	at Texas A&M^	College Station, Texas	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	**Saturday**	**Oklahoma ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**
Nov. 21	Wednesday	at Baylor^	Waco, Texas	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	**Saturday**	**Texas Tech ^**	**NU Coliseum**	**7 p.m.**

NCAA Tournament

Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Thurs.-Sat.	NCAA First & Second Rounds	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 7	Friday	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 8	Saturday	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 13	Thursday	NCAA National Semifinals	Sacramento, Calif.	TBA
Dec. 15	Saturday	NCAA Championship Match	Sacramento, Calif.	TBA

^-Denotes Big 12 Conference match. All times are Central. All matches carried on selected Husker Sports Network stations, including B107.3 FM in Lincoln and KHUS (93.3 FM) in Omaha. Home matches in bold and at the NU Coliseum.


Maggie Griffin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JOHN COOK

Head Coach
Eighth Season
(University of San Diego, 1979)

The philosophy of John Cook can be summarized in two simple words.

Dream Big.

When Cook took over the Nebraska volleyball program following the 1999 season, the challenge facing him was daunting. He was replacing one of the sport's legendary coaches in Terry Pettit, who won 694 matches and had guided the Huskers to 21 consecutive NCAA appearances and six national semifinals.

Cook, who left an emerging power in Wisconsin to guide the tradition-rich Husker program, had his own vision for Nebraska volleyball. He saw a program that had even more potential to grow. His goals included consistently selling out home matches at the NU Coliseum, expanding the media exposure for his program and continuing the tradition of athletic and academic excellence started by Pettit.

In 2006, Cook's dream was realized, as the Husker Nation had an opportunity to see Nebraska raise the bar in college volleyball first-hand. From record-setting, sold-out crowds at the Qwest Center to a team that maximized its potential in winning the school's third national title, the Huskers enjoyed a remarkable season. The Huskers took on all challenges head-on, going 33-1 and becoming only the third team in NCAA history to be ranked No. 1 the entire season. NU went on the road and overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Minnesota to reach the national semifinals, marking the first time that a Husker team had won a regional outside the state. That set the stage for a watershed moment in college volleyball. Behind sellout crowds of over 17,000, the Huskers captured the school's third national title with victories over No. 4 UCLA and No. 2 Stanford.

NU enjoyed one of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history, leading the nation in kills per game and ranking second in hitting percentage. Four players earned AVCA All-America honors, highlighted by Sarah Pavan, who became Nebraska's first Honda-Broderick Cup winner and fourth AVCA National Player of the Year.

Consistent excellence has been a hallmark of Cook's Nebraska squads, as he has compiled a 220-14 overall record, including a 135-5 mark in Big 12 matches. Over the last seven years, Cook has guided Nebraska to a pair of national titles, four NCAA semifinal appearances and six Big 12 titles. With Cook at the helm, Nebraska has produced one Olympian, one Honda-Broderick Cup winner, three AVCA Division I National Players of the Year, one NCAA Top Eight Award winner, one AVCA Division I National Freshman of the Year, two Honda Award winners, 22 AVCA All-Americans, two CoSIDA Academic All-Americans of the Year, 10 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, four Big 12 Players of the Year and three Big 12 Co-Players of the Year.

Cook's accomplishments haven't gone unnoticed, as he is a two-time AVCA National Coach of the Year, earning the prestigious honor in 2000 and 2005, and a two-time Big 12 Coach of the Year. He is one of only four active coaches - and one of five all-time - to be a two-time AVCA National Coach of the Year.

In 2000, his first season at the helm, Cook was named the AVCA National Coach of the Year after guiding the Huskers to a 34-0 record and the national championship. The Huskers, who became just the second team in NCAA history to cap an undefeated season with a national title, were ranked No. 1 in the AVCA/USA Today Top 25 poll for a record 14 straight weeks. Nebraska also broke single-season school records for wins and winning percentage.

The Nebraska players flourished under Cook, whose responsibilities included working directly with the setters during his first two seasons. Sophomore setter Greichaly Cepero earned AVCA National Player-of-the-Year honors. Three Huskers won AVCA All-America certificates, and five Nebraska players were named to the All-Big 12 teams. Laura Pilakowski earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, and a conference-best seven Huskers earned academic All-Big 12 recognition.

In 2001, Cook's second season, Nebraska fell just two wins short of capturing another NCAA title. The Huskers went 20-0 in the Big 12 en route to claiming their fifth consecutive conference championship, and Cook was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year. NU finished the season with a 31-2 record after falling to eventual national champion Stanford in the NCAA semifinals. Nebraska broke the school record for opponent hitting percentage and placed four players on the AVCA All-America teams, the most in a single season in school history. Right side hitter Nancy Metcalf (Meendering) was selected as an NCAA Top Eight Award winner and was also named the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year. Pilakowski and Cepero joined Metcalf on the CoSIDA Academic All-America teams.

In Cook's third season, NU finished fifth in the AVCA poll with a 31-2 record to secure its third straight 30-win season. Cepero and Amber Holmquist again earned first-team AVCA All-America honors, and Pilakowski was recognized on the second team. Pilakowski was named a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American, and Holmquist was a second-team pick. Cepero, Holmquist and Pilakowski shared Big 12 Player-of-the-Year accolades.

Cook faced perhaps his greatest coaching challenge at Nebraska during the 2003 season, when the Huskers had to replace three All-Americans and their first-ever libero. With so much young talent, Cook opted to run a 6-2 (two-setter) offense to utilize as many players as possible. NU went on to finish the season with a 28-5 record, an 11-4 mark against NCAA Tournament teams, and its 10th straight NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.

The 2004 season may have been one of Cook's best coaching jobs, as a youthful squad that had as many as five freshmen or sophomores on the court went 30-2 and was ranked No. 1 in the country heading into the NCAA Tournament. The Huskers led the nation in opponent hitting percentage (.103) and blocks per game (4.02) before falling to two-time defending NCAA champion USC in five games in the regional final. Three Huskers earned AVCA All-America honors, while Pavan was chosen as the AVCA National Freshman of the Year.

The 2005 campaign was a special one for the Nebraska program. The Huskers advanced to the national title match for the fifth time in school history. Nebraska returned to the national semifinals for the first time since 2001 and finished with a 33-2 record. The Huskers led the nation in blocking (4.12 per game) and ranked in the top 10 nationally in assists, kills and hitting percentage. Four Huskers earned AVCA All-America honors, while Christina Houghtelling was named AVCA National Player of the Year.

Building the Badgers

Cook, who served as an assistant under Pettit for three seasons from 1988 to 1991, took over the Nebraska head coaching job after serving as associate head coach during the 1999 season. Before returning to Nebraska in 1999, Cook led Wisconsin to six straight postseason appearances in seven seasons as the Badgers' head coach. Cook, 50, compiled a 161-73 record at the helm of the Badgers, including an 89-51 league mark in one of the nation's toughest conferences. He was named the Big Ten Co-Coach and AVCA District 2 Coach of the Year in 1997 after leading the Badgers to a share of the Big Ten title with a 19-1 mark and school-best 30-3 overall record.

Other Coaching Experiences

Cook also brings Olympic and championship experience to the Husker staff. As the first assistant coach with the U.S. Men's National Volleyball team, Cook aided the United States to a bronze medal in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. In the summer of 2004, Cook served as head coach of the Women's National Volleyball Training Team, guiding his squad to the title in the Women's Open Division of the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in Atlanta, Ga.

A graduate of the University of San Diego, Cook earned his bachelor's degree in history in 1979. He completed his master's degree in teaching and coaching effectiveness from San Diego State in 1991.

Cook and his wife Wendy, a former two-time All-America setter at San Diego State, are the parents of two children, Lauren, 16, and Taylor, 13.

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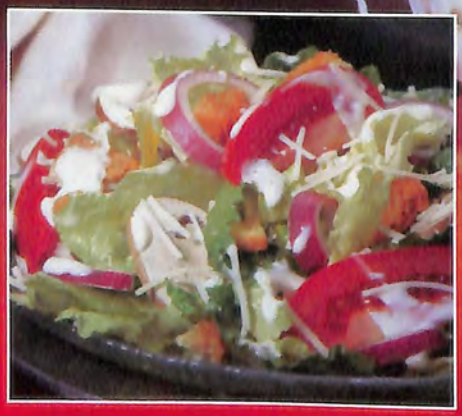

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LEE MAES

Head Assistant Coach
Third Season
(Long Beach State, 1994)

One of the nation's top assistant coaches, Lee Maes is in his third season as head assistant coach in the Husker program. At Nebraska, Maes handles player training and works extensively with the middle blockers while serving as the Huskers' recruiting coordinator. He also handles opponent scouting and game preparation and oversees NU's summer camps.

In his two seasons at Nebraska, Maes' teaching has been evident, as the Huskers have posted a 66-3 record and reached the national title match in both seasons. He has also helped develop eight AVCA All-Americans, including national players of the year Christina Houghtelling and Sarah Pavan.

Maes played an instrumental role in the Huskers' third national title run in 2006, as Nebraska led the nation in both kills and assists per game while ranking second in hitting percentage. Four Huskers earned AVCA All-America honors, including middle blocker Tracy Stalls, who led the Big 12 with a .400 hitting percentage while ranking fifth in the league in blocking. In his first year at Nebraska, he trained a nation-leading four All-Americans, including three first-team honors. Melissa Elmer became the country's dominant middle blocker under his watch, leading the NCAA in blocks in both 2004 and 2005, setting a Big 12 record with 250 blocks in her final year at NU.

In addition to his work in the Husker program, Maes has accumulated extensive national and international experience with the USA Volleyball program for the past 14 years. For the past two years, Maes has coached the U.S. Junior National A2 Team, leading the squad to gold medals at the 2006 High Performance Championships and the 2007 European Global Challenge in Pula, Croatia.

Before Nebraska

Before joining the Husker staff, Maes served as an assistant at the University of California for eight years. Maes was instrumental in helping make three straight NCAA appearances. For his efforts, he was promoted to associate head coach before the 2004 season. He was involved in all aspects of the Golden Bear program, including on-court training and opponent scouting and recruited a total of 11 All-Pac-10 Conference performers.

In addition to his experience in helping with the California women's volleyball program, Maes served as the Bears' head men's volleyball coach from 1997 to 2000. In his first season (1997-98), he guided Cal to the NCCVL Conference championship and a national runner-up finish at the NIRSA Collegiate Club National Championship.

Prior to arriving at California, Maes spent seven seasons coaching with the Ichiban Volleyball Club, winning five medals at the Junior Olympic National Championships, including a national title in 1996. Two of his former club players, Misty May and Heather Bown, represented the United States at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. During his 15 years as a junior club coach for both boys and girls, Maes coached and trained over two dozen junior and high school All-Americans while more than 100 of his former club players have gone on to play at the collegiate level. Maes served as the girls' varsity head coach at Lakewood (Calif.) High School from 1989 to 1997. He was also the boys' varsity coach at Edison (Calif.) High School for four seasons.

A native of Long Beach, Calif., Maes graduated from Long Beach State in 1994 with a degree in broadcast journalism and geography.

LIZZY STEMKE

Assistant Coach
First Season
(Wisconsin, 2004)

Former All-American and U.S. National Team member Lizzy Stemke begins her first season as an assistant coach in the Husker program. Stemke came to Nebraska from the University of North Carolina, where she served as an assistant coach for the Tar Heels over the last two seasons. Stemke joined the Husker staff in February of 2007.

At Nebraska, Stemke trains the Husker setters and provides a supportive role in recruiting. Her additional duties include serving as the team video coordinator and as a liaison for academics and community involvement. She also assists with summer camps and coaching clinics.

Before Nebraska

At UNC, Stemke served as setters' coach, handled opponent scouting and video exchange, recruiting, team travel and community outreach. In her first season as an assistant at UNC, the Tar Heels won the ACC title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Stemke also has experience coaching both at the collegiate and club levels. She spent the 2003 season as a volunteer assistant at the University of Central Florida, as the Golden Knights won the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and reached the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history before finishing with a 23-7 record.

During her time in Florida, Stemke also co-founded the Team Orlando Volleyball Club and acted as its head recruiter and setter and defense clinic coordinator. She has also spent time working with the Wisconsin Power Volleyball Club, the All-American Volleyball Camps, Next Level Volleyball Camp and the Triangle Setting Academy.

Playing Experience

Stemke enjoyed a distinguished career at the University of Wisconsin from 1998 to 2001. A three-year starter at setter for the Badgers, she helped Wisconsin to a 112-23 record, a pair of Big Ten titles and an NCAA runner-up finish in 2000. One of only three two-time AVCA All-Americans in Wisconsin history, she ranked fourth nationally in assists as a senior in 2001, with 13.72 per game when she was named Big Ten Player of the Year. She was recruited to Wisconsin by Cook, whose last year as Badgers' head coach was 1998.

Following her collegiate career, Stemke spent two years with the U.S. National Team. In 2002, she was a member of the silver medal-winning team at the World Championships. She also helped the U.S. team win a bronze medal at the 2003 Pan-American Games. Following her time with the national team, Stemke spent two seasons playing professionally. In 2003, she was named the MVP of the Puerto Rican League. She then spent one season playing in the Pro A League in France.

Stemke earned her bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Wisconsin in 2004. The former Lizzy Fitzgerald, she is married to Kevin Stemke.

Stemke comes from a family heavily involved in college athletics. Her father, Billy Fitzgerald, played baseball and basketball at Tulane from 1967 to 1969 and is in the school's athletic hall of fame. Her older brother, Edmond, played basketball at Ole Miss (1992-94), while her older sister, Meg, played volleyball collegiately at Florida (1992-95) and is the head volleyball coach at Central Florida. Her youngest brother, Robert, played baseball at the University of Tennessee (2002-05).

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2007 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Maggie Griffin	S	6-0	Sr.	St. Charles, Ill. (Rosary/Michigan State)
2	Kayla Banwarth	L	5-10	Fr.	Dubuque, Iowa (Wahlert Catholic)
3	Christina Houghtelling	OH	6-2	Sr.	Cambridge, Neb. (Cambridge)
4	Lindsey Licht	RS	6-5	Fr.	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
5	Rachel Schwartz	L	5-9	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
6	Jordan Wilberger	MB	6-1	Fr.	Scottsbluff, Neb.
8	Brooke Delano	MB	6-4	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue West)
9	Sarah Pavan	RS	6-5	Sr.	Kitchener, Ontario (Forest Heights Collegiate Institute)
10	Jordan Larson	OH	6-2	Jr.	Hooper, Neb. (Logan View)
11	Tracy Stalls	MB	6-4	Sr.	Arvada, Colo. (Lakewood)
12	Rachel Holloway	S	5-10	So.	Franklin, Tenn. (Smoky Hill, Colo.)
15	Kori Cooper	MB	6-2	So.	Amarillo, Texas
17	Amanda Gates	MB	6-2	Jr.	Columbus, Neb. (Columbus)
19	Tara Mueller	OH	6-0	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Desert Mountain)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:	John Cook, Eighth Year (San Diego, 1979)
	NU Record: 220-14 (Seven Years)/Overall Record: 381-87 (14 Years)
Head Assistant Coach:	Lee Maes, Third Year (Long Beach State, 1994)
Assistant Coach:	Lizzy Stemke, First Year (Wisconsin, 2004)
Volunteer Assistant:	Ryan Walthall, First Year (Penn State, 2007)
Director of Operations:	Lindsay Wischmeier-Peterson, Second Year (Nebraska, 2003)
Athletic Trainer:	Jolene Emricson, Sixth Year (Metro State, 2001)
Strength Coach:	Laura Pilakowski, Fourth Year (Nebraska, 2003)
Student Manager:	Dan Meske

2007 Roster Breakdown

By Major

Advertising (1): Rachel Holloway
Biochemistry (1): Sarah Pavan
Communication Studies (3): Amanda Gates, Jordan Larson, Rachel Schwartz
Finance (1): Maggie Griffin
Elementary Education (2): Christina Houghtelling, Lindsey Licht
Individualized Program of Studies (1): Tracy Stalls
Speech Language Pathology (1): Kori Cooper
Undeclared (4): Kayla Banwarth, Brooke Delano, Tara Mueller, Jordan Wilberger

By State

- Arizona (1): Tara Mueller
- Colorado (2): Tracy Stalls, Lindsey Licht
- Illinois (1): Maggie Griffin
- Nebraska (6): Brooke Delano, Amanda Gates, Christina Houghtelling, Jordan Larson, Rachel Schwartz, Jordan Wilberger
- Ontario, Canada (1): Sarah Pavan
- Tennessee (1): Rachel Holloway
- Texas (1): Kori Cooper
- Iowa (1): Kayla Banwarth

By Class

- Seniors (4): Maggie Griffin, Christina Houghtelling, Sarah Pavan and Tracy Stalls
- Juniors (3): Amanda Gates, Jordan Larson, Rachel Schwartz
- Sophomores (2): Kori Cooper and Rachel Holloway
- Freshmen (5): Kayla Banwarth, Brooke Delano, Lindsey Licht, Tara Mueller and Jordan Wilberger

Rachel Schwartz

Jordan Larson

Kori Cooper

The 2007 Nebraska Volleyball Team: Front row (from left): Athletic Trainer Jolene Emricson, Volunteer Coach Ryan Walthall, Kori Cooper, Jordan Larson, Tracy Stalls, Lindsey Licht, Sarah Pavan, Christina Houghtelling, Brooke Delano, Student Manager Dan Meske and Director of Volleyball Operations Lindsay Wischmeier-Peterson. **Back row**: Head Assistant Coach Lee Maes, Strength Coach Laura Pilakowski, Kayla Banwarth, Tara Mueller, Jordan Wilberger, Amanda Gates, Maggie Griffin, Rachel Holloway, Rachel Schwartz, Assistant Coach Lizzy Stemke and Head Coach John Cook.

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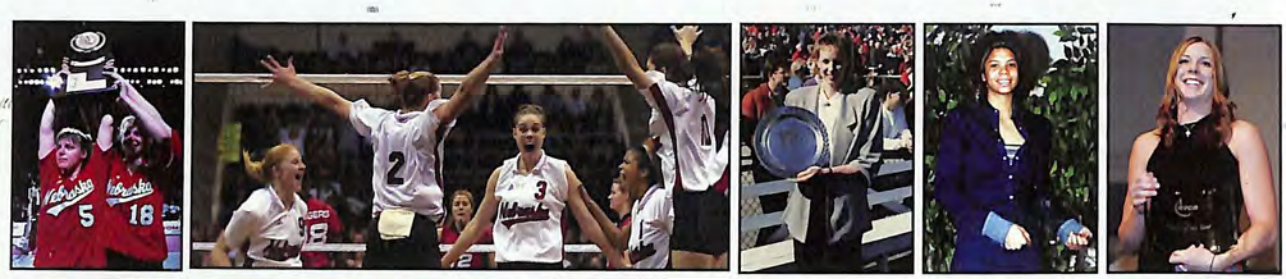
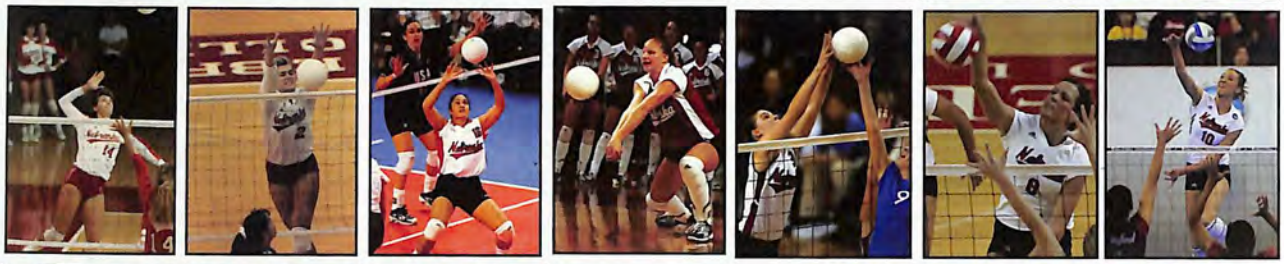
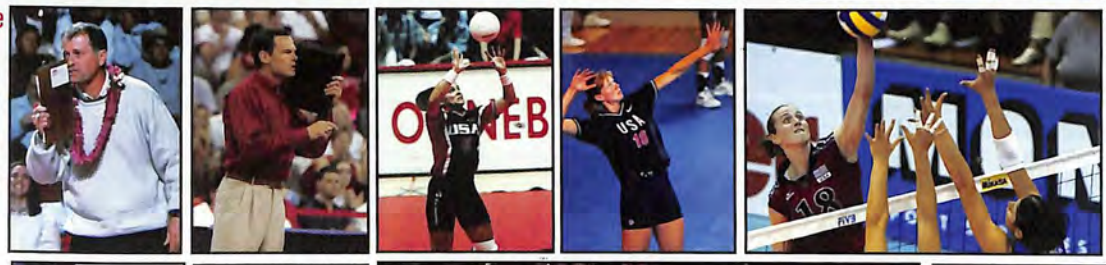


Elite Players
- 57 AVCA All-Americans
- 19 Conference Players of the Year
- 29 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans



Coaching Excellence
- Terry Pettit 2x AVCA National Coach of the Year
- John Cook 2x AVCA National Coach of the Year



Husker Olympians
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  Allison Weston (2000)
  Nancy Metcalf (2004)

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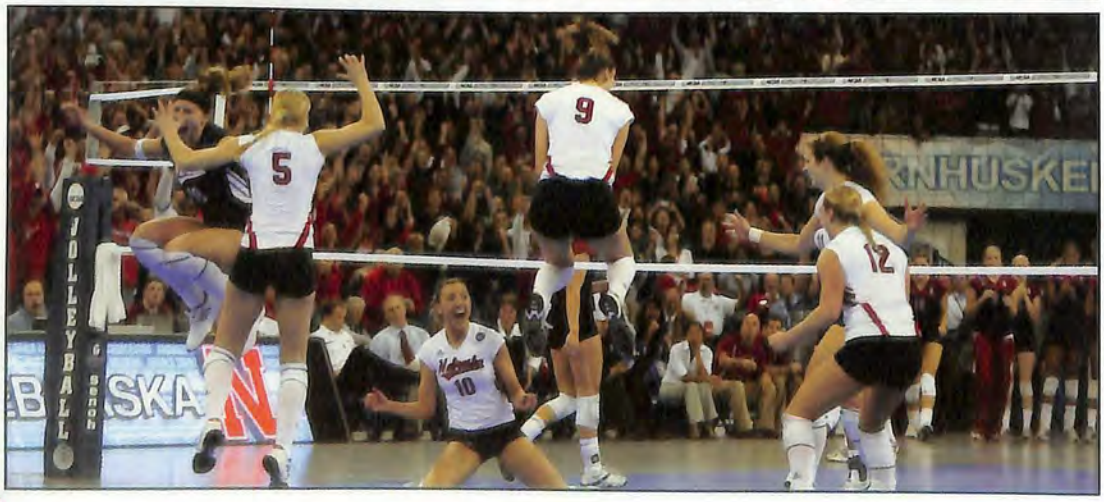
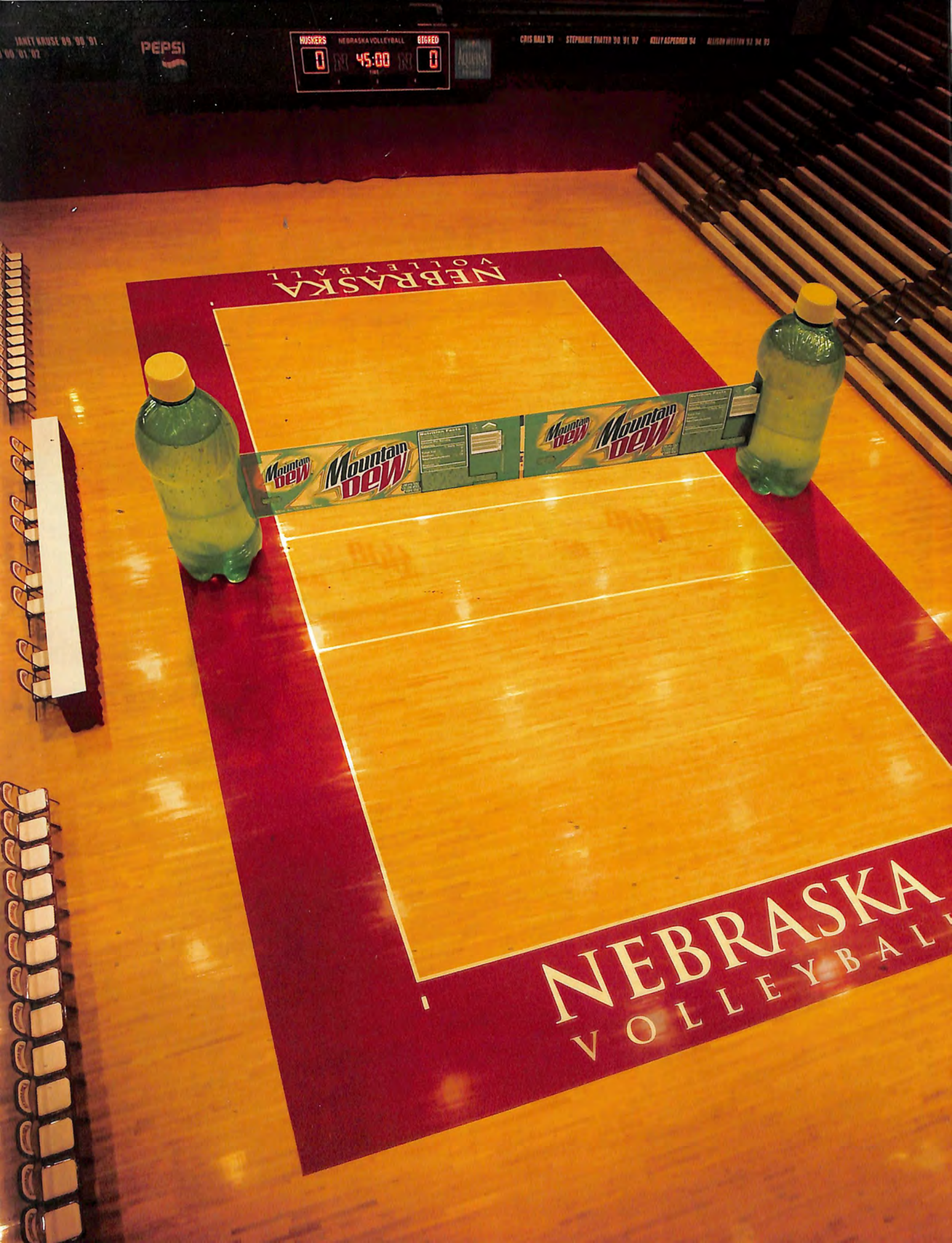


Season in Review
- 2006 National Champions
- Sarah Pavan - 2006-07 Honda-Broderick Cup Winner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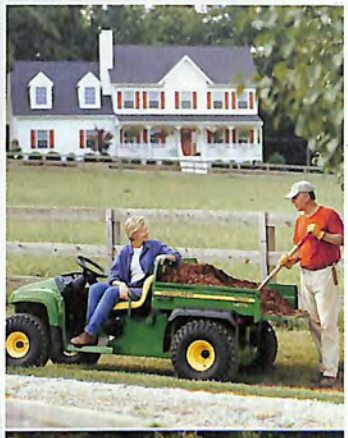

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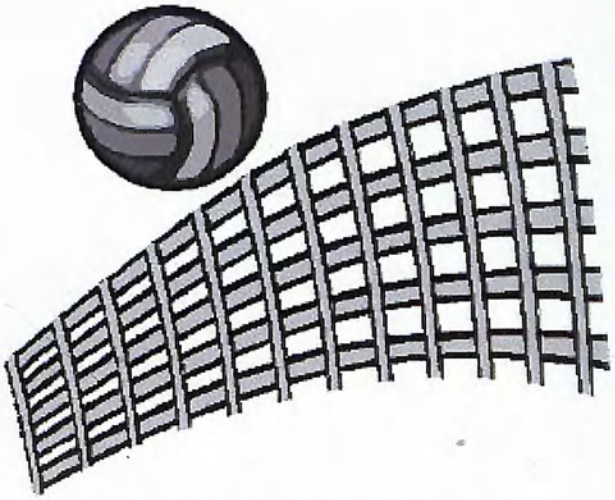

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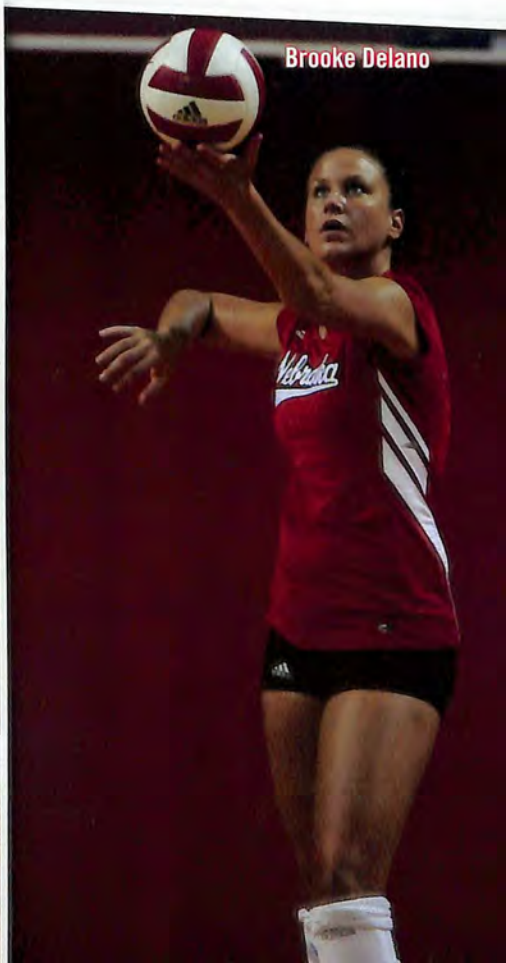
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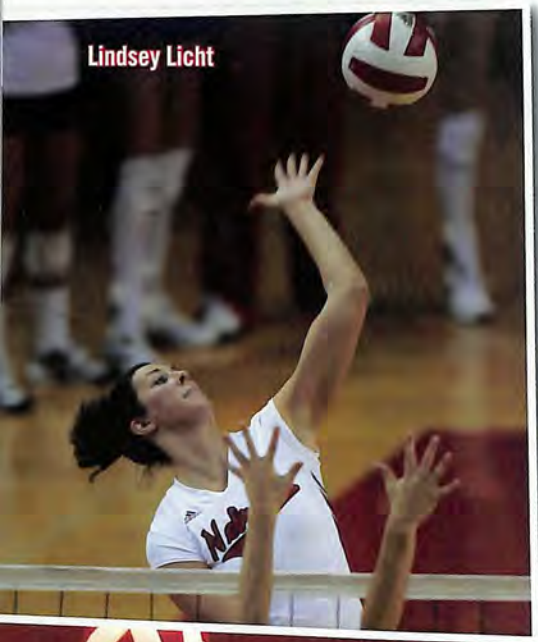
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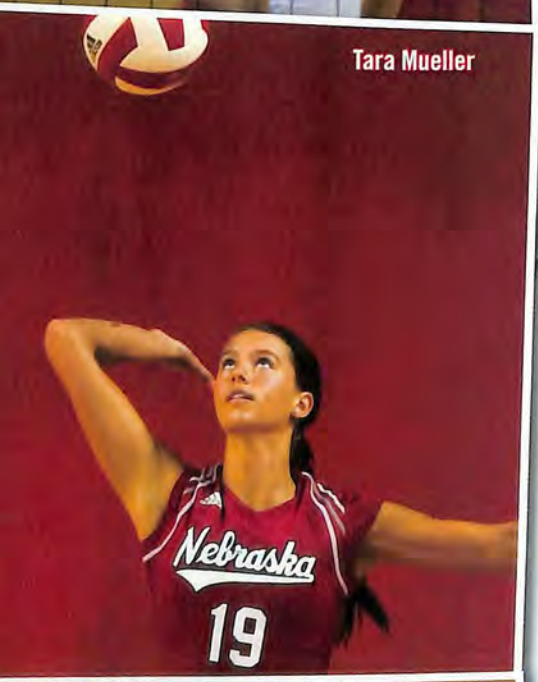
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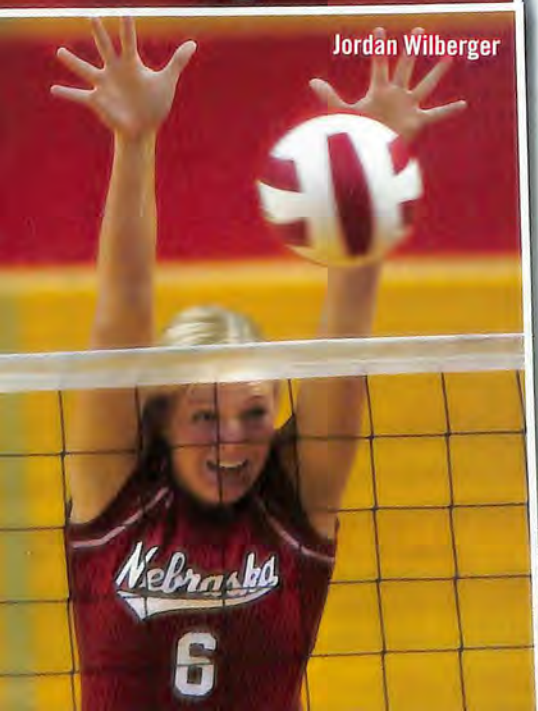
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FOLLOWING THE HUSKERS IN 2007

Husker Volleyball on Radio

The Host Communications Husker Sports Network is in its 12th year of producing live broadcasts of University of Nebraska sporting events, including volleyball. The Husker Sports Network includes a large group of state affiliates, which allows Husker matches to be heard across Nebraska. As of August 28, a total of 18 stations make up the Husker Sports Network for volleyball, including B107.3 FM in Lincoln and KHUS 93.3 FM in Omaha. Fans can also listen to every match live on the Internet at Huskers.com.

John Baylor enters his 14th year as the voice of the Nebraska volleyball program and brings his high-energy broadcasts throughout the state. He is joined in the broadcast booth by color analysts Lindsay Wischmeier-Peterson and Diane Mendenhall.

In addition to broadcasting Husker matches, the Husker Sports Network also produces Sports Nightly, a daily, live call-in show focusing on NU athletics and other area sports. The show runs from 6 to 9 p.m. (central) across the state. During the season, Coach Cook will join Sports Nightly's Lane Grindle for a half-hour, call-in show on Husker volleyball. The show will air on Tuesday nights throughout the season and will begin prior to the first match of the season. The show is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Coach Cook is also heard weekly on B107.3 FM on Friday mornings during the 8 a.m. hour.

The Husker Sports Volleyball Network

City	Affiliate	Signal
Ainsworth	KBRB	1400 AM
Alliance	KCOW	1400 AM
Aurora	KRGY	97.3 FM
Beatrice	KWBE	1450 AM
Broken Bow	KBBN	95.3 FM
Chadron	KCSR	610 AM
Falls City	KTNC	1230 AM
Fremont	KHUB	1340 AM
Grand Island	KRGI	1430 AM
Holdrege	KUVR	1380 AM
Kearney	KGFW	1340 AM
Lexington	KRVN	880 AM
Lincoln	KBBK	107.3 FM
North Platte	KODY	1240 AM
Omaha	KHUS	93.3 FM
Scottsbluff	KNEB	960 AM
Sidney	KSID	1340 AM
Valentine	KVSH	940 AM

Husker Volleyball on the Internet

For the most up-to-the-minute coverage of Nebraska volleyball on the Internet, click on Huskers.com, the official website of the University of Nebraska Athletic Department. In addition to updated results, statistics and game stories, you can find photos, player and coach biographies, schedule and roster information and weekly releases on the Husker volleyball program.

Husker fans have the opportunity to gain even greater access to the NU volleyball program through HuskersNside, the premium site of the Nebraska Athletic Department. HuskersNside provides live video streaming of NU athletic events and daily video content to its subscribers not available anywhere else. In 2007, HuskersNside will stream nearly every regular-season volleyball match, both home and away, as well as Coach Cook's weekly Tuesday press conferences.

To join, just log on to Huskers.com and click on HuskersNside. Because this is quality video streaming, subscribers must have broadband Internet access.

The Husker Volleyball Show

The Husker Volleyball Show with John Cook will air throughout the state this fall. Join host Diane Mendenhall and Coach John Cook, as they look back on last week's matches, along with special features and player profiles throughout the year during this half hour show devoted to Husker volleyball.

The show will air weekly, beginning on Monday, Sept. 3, on the following channels. In addition to its television airings, the show will also be available on Huskers.com, as part of the HuskersNside package.

2007 Husker Volleyball Show Stations

Affiliate	City	Day	Time
NET-2	Statewide	Mon.	8 p.m.
Time Warner Cable (Ch. 13)	Lincoln	Wed.	11 p.m.
Time Warner Cable (Ch. 101)	Lincoln	On Demand	
My TV (Time Warner Ch. 110, DirecTV channel 25)	Lincoln	Mon.	10:30 p.m.
My TV (Charter Communications Ch. 17, DirecTV channel 25)	Grand Island	Mon.	10 p.m.
WOWT-DT (Ch. 248 on Cox Cable)	Omaha	Mon.	12:30 a.m.
KNOP	North Platte	Sat.	Noon
Great Plains Cable		Tues.	6 p.m.
Broken Bow (Ch. 9), Chadron (Ch. 4), Grand/Imperial (Ch. 24)		Fri.	5:30 p.m.
Elgin (Ch. 21), Knox County (Ch. 21), North Bend (Ch. 36)		Sat.	8:30 p.m.

Sarah Pavan and John Cook with ESPN's Heather Cox

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THE NEBRASKA COLISEUM

Husker Fans Make Home Court One of the Most Intimidating Places in College Volleyball

One of the foundations for Nebraska's athletic success is its outstanding facilities, and few home courts are as tradition-rich as the Nebraska Coliseum, the home of the Husker volleyball program. Over the years, the 4,030-seat NU Coliseum has provided the Nebraska volleyball program with an unmatched home-court advantage.

"Winston Churchill said 'in the beginning, we build buildings. In the end, we are shaped by the buildings we live in.' I think the Coliseum shapes Nebraska volleyball," Former Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit said. "It's an environment that creates intimacy. It's a classic structure and in a lot of ways reflects what the Nebraska program is all about."

The Coliseum, which sits nestled on the University campus, is a beautiful display of architecture highlighted by its powerful Roman columns gracing the front steps. But while it's beauty is appreciated by Husker players, coaches and fans, it is one of the most-dreaded places for opponents to play in the sport of volleyball, and arguably one of the toughest places to play in college athletics.

During the Terry Pettit/John Cook era, the Huskers have qualified for 25 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, and the Coliseum crowd has willed the Huskers to many victories in the historic building. Cook credited the NU Coliseum crowd with willing the Huskers to a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over South Carolina in the 2000 NCAA second round that kept the Huskers' national championship season alive.

Nebraska volleyball has had unmatched success in the confines of the cozy Coliseum, posting 14 undefeated seasons and compiling an all-time record of 454-30 (.938) under its roof. The Huskers are 153-12 (.927) since 1990 in the building, including nine undefeated seasons in that span.

While these numbers are impressive, Big 12 and former Big Eight members managed even fewer wins. That's because Nebraska doesn't lose to conference opponents in the Coliseum.

Only three times in 30 years of regular-season Big Eight/Big 12 play has a conference opponent ever won on the Coliseum floor. In fact, during that time, only three conference opponents have managed to win in Lincoln. Nebraska suffered its first-ever regular-season loss to a conference foe in 1999, falling to Kansas State to snap a streak of 101 consecutive wins against regular-season conference opponents. Under John Cook, the Huskers have dropped only two Big 12 home matches at the Coliseum

NCAA Consecutive Home-Court Victories

Rk.	No.	School	Start of Streak	End of Streak
1.	87	Penn State	Nov. 25, 1995	Sept. 16, 2000
2.	74	Northern Iowa	Nov. 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 2004
3.	63*	Nebraska	Sept. 29, 1999	Dec. 14, 2002
4.	58	Florida	Oct. 14, 1990	Sept. 4, 1994
5.	57	Long Beach State	Nov. 14, 1996	Nov. 11, 1999
6.	55	Hawaii	Oct. 23, 1986	Nov. 11, 1989
7.	54#	Nebraska	Sept. 11, 2004	Present
8.	52	UCLA	Oct. 28, 1987	Oct. 26, 1991
9.	50	Stanford	Nov. 19, 1993	Aug. 23, 1997
	50	Northern Iowa	Oct. 10, 1992	Oct. 4, 1996

*-NU Coliseum and Bob Devaney Sports Center; #-NU Coliseum, Devaney Center and Qwest Center Omaha.

over the last seven years and none since the start of 2004.

Pettit said the home-court advantage is most valuable during its long, hard-fought battles.

"The home crowd was a big advantage when we were fatigued or drained in the middle of a four- or five-game match," Pettit said. "The players used the energy and electricity from the fans to pull them through difficult stretches. I don't think that it's as big an advantage against the elite teams, but it definitely makes a difference."

Nebraska has used that success at home to propel it through the NCAA Tournament.

The Huskers have hosted an NCAA Tournament match every season since 1984 and have capitalized on each opportunity by compiling a 43-3 playoff record in the stoic building. And Nebraska fans have been rewarded by seeing eight of the Huskers' 10 NCAA regional championships won on their home court.

Nebraska carried a 65-match Coliseum win streak into the 1999 season, but suffered a loss to No. 6 Pacific in the State Farm/NACWAA Classic semifinal. In 2002, the Huskers carried a 63-match home winning streak into their NCAA regional final match against Hawaii, but fell, 3-1. Nebraska begins the 2007 season with a 48-match home winning streak in the Nebraska Coliseum dating back nearly three seasons.

The win streaks are a direct result of Nebraska's frenzied crowds that routinely jam the building's bleachers. The Huskers finished second nationally in attendance in 2006 with a Coliseum average attendance of 4,137, a total that is 102 percent of the Coliseum's listed capacity.

"To appreciate the athleticism and the speed of the game, you have to be down close and the Coliseum provides that intimate setting," Cook said about the atmosphere of the Coliseum.

Fans have been known to line up as much as four to five hours in advance to see their Husker volleyball team in action. During the 2000 season, fans set an NCAA regular-season attendance mark of 12,504 for a match against Colorado in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. NU has averaged more than 3,000 fans for 13 of the past 15 seasons.

The Coliseum's roots go back to the 1920s when it was the home for the Husker basketball team. NU's cagers played on its hardwood floors from 1926 to 1977, when the construction on the Bob Devaney Sports Center was completed.

Since then, the volleyball team has been its lone tenant. In 1991, the Huskers had a one-year hiatus from the Coliseum while the building was being renovated and tailored for volleyball. The renovation provided a more comfortable atmosphere for players, coaches and fans. Among the additions were a new sound system, scoreboard, overhead lights and a new floor. Offices for coaches and administrators, as well as a conference/media room, were constructed for a better working environment.

Over the years, the building has seen numerous additions to add to the comfort of both players and fans, while keeping the tradition of the building and the Husker volleyball program. In 1997, the Husker locker room and ready room underwent a complete face lift. Then, before the 2001 season, HuskerVision replay screens and Daktronics statistics boards were added at both ends of the court. In 2003, the floor was resurfaced and murals of the four Husker retired jerseys were placed in the rafters, and in 2004, when a ring of honor was added to celebrate the program's nation-leading All-Americans.

Nebraska became one of the first college volleyball programs to have premium end line seats in 2005, with more than 60 seats added to give Husker fans an up close view of courtside action at the NU Coliseum. This year, the coaching and administrative offices were renovated, along with the Huskers' athletic training area.

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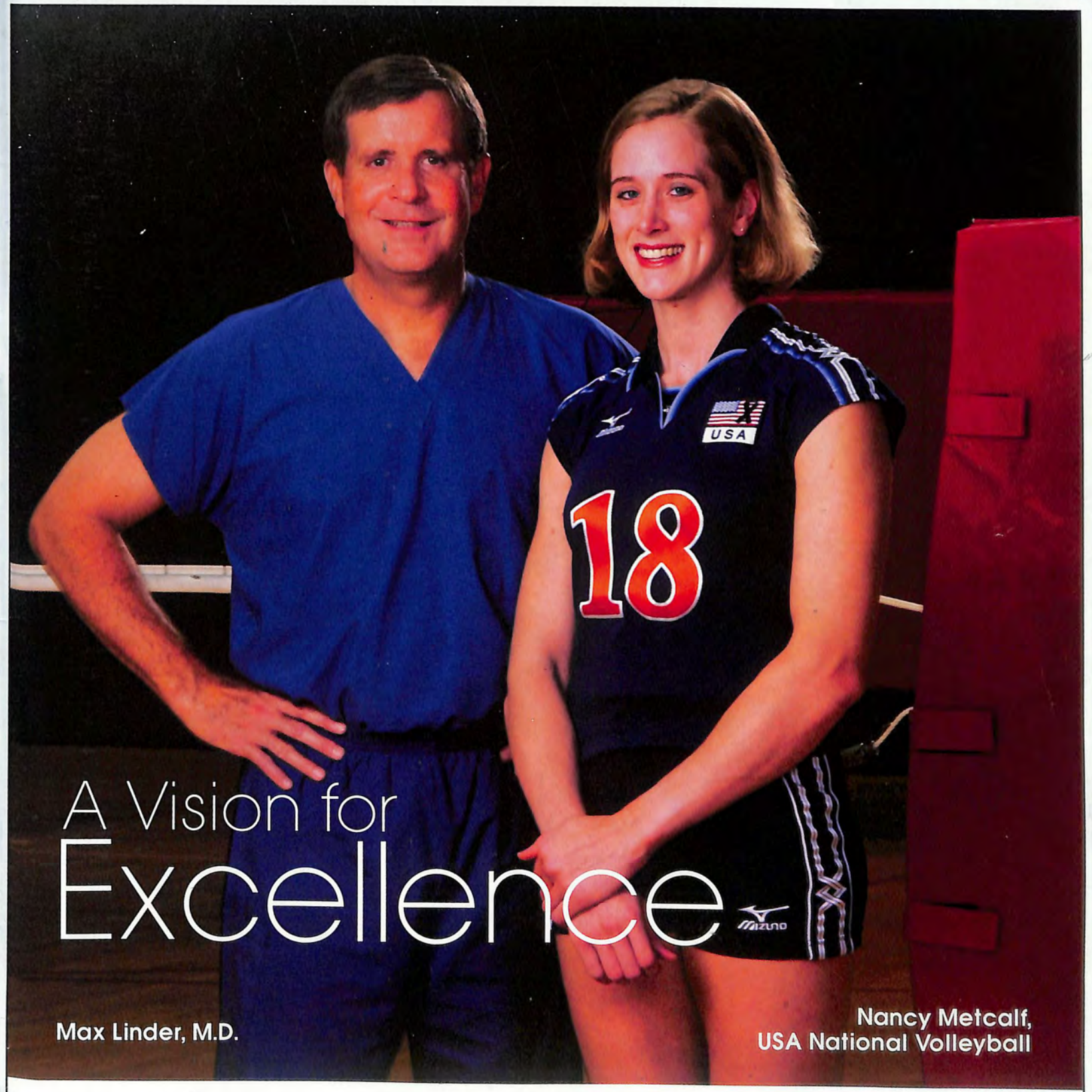

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